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2018 Read and Run Marathon Kick Off

By Rachel Farber

Hoxie Grade School's annual Read and Run Marathon had an exciting kickoff in the gym on Friday, February 2, 2018. After Mrs. Frazey thanked all those who helped sponsor the event, Mayor Roger Aumiller signed a proclamation giving the dates of the 2018 Read and Run. Several students also signed the proclamation as witnesses. Mayor Aumiller challenged Mrs. Frazey this year to encourage the students to read their 26 books. He thought Mrs. Frazey should pay \$2 to each student that completed their reading. Mrs. Frazey agreed to this as long as the students would then donate their \$2 to the Playground Project Fundraiser. The students really liked this idea!

Principal Jim Howard gave a motivational speech to the students. The High School Cheerleaders and High School Band were also able to attend



the event to help get the students excited about reading and running.

The final event of the kickoff was a game with the teachers. Many of them were brought down to the gym floor and they

had to pull all the tissues out of a box while blind-folded and using the non-dominant hand.

Once they emptied the box, the students that had been brought to the gym floor as judges, went to go get a small bucket of

water that they poured on Mr. Howard and Mayor Aumiller.

The students left the gym excited to read their 26 books and ready to run the 26 miles that the Read and Run Marathon requires.

Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs Claim Western Kansas Liberty League Championship



The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs claimed the Western Kansas Liberty League Championship following three wins over Weskan, Triplains/Brewster, and Northern Valley. Members of the Championship team include: (front) Amie Cheney-mgr, Noel Ritter, Mabel Lugo, Kaylie Schaben, Maggi Nieman, KayCee Miller, Candace Taylor, Kassie Miller-mgr, Jordyn Fleckenstein-mgr, (back) Emily Stoltz, Amanda Cheney, Jennifer Esparza, Tylor Todd, Brooke Stoll, Taryn Fleckenstein, Ashley Stoll, and Danica Ritter. The Bulldogs are coached by Parker Christensen and Steve Shaw (rear). (Photo by Judy Rogers)

Scholars Qualify for State Meet



The Golden Plains Scholar Bowl team qualified for the state meet for the second year in a row by placing third at the Regional meet in Rexford on February 1. Team members include (l-r) Coach Steiner Scott, Charlotte McCurdy, Devin Carter, Flint Hodge, Taryn Fleckenstein, Jennifer Esparza, and Angel Sanchez. They will compete at state in Ransom on February 10. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Scholar's Bowl team qualified for the state meet for the second consecutive year with a third-place finish at the Regional meet in Rexford on February 1. "I'm really proud of how our team as done this year," said Devin Carter-captain. "We have accomplished a lot and I anticipate more to come."

The Bulldogs went 8-2 on the day with losses to Wheatland/Grinnell and Cheylin. They defeated Rolla, Triplains, Brewster, Weskan, Wallace County, Western Plains, Healy, and Deerfield in 10 rounds of pool play.

The rounds ended with Wheatland/Grinnell in first place and a three-way tie between Golden Plains, Cheylin, and Rolla. After applying the tie-breaker rules, Wheatland/Grinnell placed first, Rolla second, and Golden Plains third to qualify for state.

"We are pretty excited to qualify for state for the second consecutive year," said Angel Sanchez. "With four seniors on the team, we hope to finish higher than we did last year." The Bulldogs placed fifth at state last year.

Team members competing this year include seniors Devin Carter, Jennifer Esparza, Charlotte McCurdy, and Angel Sanchez. Sophomore team members are Taryn Fleckenstein and Flint Hodge.

"I'm proud of our team," said Charlotte McCurdy. "From going our freshman year with barely winning any rounds at all and being a young team, to now, doing well and working together, I'm extremely proud. I'm glad we've made it to state this year again, and I'm hoping that we improve from last year! We've worked hard to get here and I'm grateful for our team and our coach."

The Bulldogs will compete at the state meet in Ransom this coming Saturday, February 10.

AN OLD BUILDING RECEIVES A NEW LOOK



Emily Campbell's new restaurant building is being given some very big changes. Black siding around the side and back, and a new bank of windows across the top front are the most visible changes so far. It's looking great, we can't wait to see the inside, and get a taste of Emily's great food! (Photo by Viktorija Briggs)

Sweet Sounds with the Hoxie High School Band

Come join the HHS Band for an afternoon of music and delicious homemade desserts on Sunday, February 11 in the Hoxie High Auditorium at 3:00. The musicians will be performing solos and small ensembles featuring all their various instruments.

Last year, the band performed in one of the local churches to a standing room only crowd. They have chosen to move to the High School Auditorium this year in order to allow more people to enjoy the afternoon.

Freewill donations will gladly be accepted to help fund band activities.

The program will include the Full Band, plus a Flute Trio, a Percussion Ensemble, a Clarinet Choir, and a piano

solo. During intermission, the audience will have the opportunity to visit with the musicians while enjoying a buffet of delicious and decadent handmade desserts. Come out to enjoy an afternoon of Sweet Sounds!



Myah Sorter and Abby Depenbusch practice for the upcoming presentation. (HHS courtesy photo)

Schamberger Signs Letter of Intent to Tabor College



Hoxie senior Lilly Chamberger signs a letter of intent to play basketball at Tabor College in Hillsboro for the 2018-2019 school year. Sitting beside her are her parents LaNae and Mark Chamberger. Behind her are HHS Coach Jared Dowell and Tabor Coach Shawn Reed. (HHS courtesy photo)


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Words of Faith

The best time to plant
a tree
was 20 years ago.
The next best time
is today.
~Chinese Proverb

Grain Report

Reported on: Tuesday, Feb. 6

Wheat	4.11
Corn	3.09
Milo	3.07
Beans	8.44

Weather Report

SC Conservation District

Date	High	Low	Moisture
1/28	50	19	--
1/29	35	19	--
1/30	65	30	--
1/31	50	29	--
2/1	29	17	--
2/2	52	28	--
2/3	60	7	--

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Words of Wisdom

The conservation of
natural resources
is the fundamental problem.
Unless we solve that
problem,
it will avail us little to solve
all the others
~Theodore Roosevelt

Where's Sheridan?

Community News

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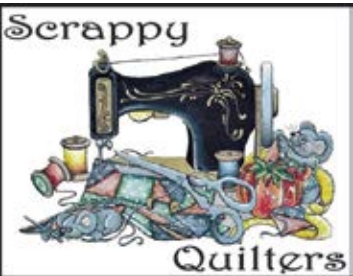
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JENNINGS NEWS

By Louise Cressler
Northwest Kansas received snow Saturday night and Sunday morning with a wind blowing it around. It is difficult to know how much we got. Later in the afternoon on Sunday the sun came out, but it remained very cold.
The Sons of the American Legion have rescheduled their pancake feed. They will be hosting it on Sunday February 11 from 11:30 to 1:00 with the Korean War Era Veterans Tribute program at 1:00 at the former Masonic

Hall/Opera House in Jennings.
DeWayne Jackson, Norcat, will be presenting his novel "Beyond the Fire" at 2:00 Sunday afternoon, February 18, at the Jennings City Library. The community is invited to come hear this interesting program.
Sunflower Senior potluck dinner will be held at noon on Wednesday, February 14, at the Sunflower Senior Center. Come join us for an enjoyable social hour and good food.



By Jodi Moellering,
Secretary
January 9, 2017, Scrappy Quilters met at the Methodist Church at 7pm. Members present were: Barb Popp, Kay Weber, Gail Sams, Louise Lovin, Ferrol Powers, Marge Haas, Jodi Moellering, Reba White, Ronda Johnson, Judy Watkins, Judy Cressler, Carolyn Tuttle, Mary Adams, Keri Vanover, Alice Mizer, Deloris Steinike, Norma Chestnut and Kristin Trussel.

Program was presented by Jodi Moellering about her trip to Guatemala.
Roll Call was what each person hoped to accomplish in 2018. Ronda gave us all a UFO List to help keep us on track.
We reviewed the block challenge participants and ask again for anyone interested.
Norma Chestnut presented Norma's Notions.
Show & Tell - Carolyn Tuttle showed us a picture of the barn quilt she received as a gift for Christmas.
Reminder The February meeting will be at the Historical Society (1224 Oak) at 7pm on Feb. 13. There is parking available on the west side of the buildings.

CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S
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Sat., Feb. 10 * Wed., Feb. 14 * Sat., Feb. 17
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Mealsite Menu

February 12 - February 16
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Tuesday: Hamburger Patti w/ lettuce, onion, tomato & pickle, Pasta Salad, Bun, Strawberries & Bananas
Wednesday: Baked Fish, Macaroni & Cheese, Broccoli, Bread, Apricots
Thursday: Smothered Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Antigua Blend Vegetables, Bread, Pineapple Upside Down Cake
Friday: Chef Salad (meat on the side), Potato Salad, Bread Stick, Mandarin Oranges

The Hoxie Mealsite wishes to invite those 60 and older and their guests to attend daily luncheons in the community room at Ridgewood Manor Monday - Friday. Calling 675-2154 by 11 a.m., the day before, may make reservations. Home Delivery is also available for those unable to attend due to social or physical disabilities. We also invite those working, who would like to pick up. For individuals 60 and over, a contribution of \$3.25 per meal is requested. We also invite those less than 60 years of age to attend or pickup a meal at a cost of \$6.00 per meal. A monthly menu can be picked up at a Meal Site. Pinochle is played every Tuesday (bring a quarter) & Friday after lunch. Make checks payable to HOMESTEAD Nutrition Project.

Upcoming Area Events

Every Tuesday:
12pm Hoxie Rotary Club-upstairs at Oscar's

Wednesdays - on-going:
Moms in Prayer Meetings: Contact Kristin Johnson for more information 785-657-1478
6pm Connect-UMC
7:30pm FOUNDry-Hoxie UMC (6:30pm-3rd Wednesday)

2nd Monday - each month:
5pm Sheridan County Hospital Auxiliary Meeting-SCHC Conference Room

2nd Tuesday - each month:
7pm Scrappy Quilters-Midwest Energy Building Meeting Room

1st Wednesday - each month:
6pm Grinnell VFW monthly supper at VFW Hall

2nd Wednesday (Sept-May):
2pm UMC Coffee Club-UMC Social Hall

Last Thursday:
7pm Jennings Book Club Meeting-Jennings City Library

Every Saturday:
6:30pm Facebook Bible Study w/ Pastor Jake Schadel (Cross & Flame Parish Facebook page)

Hoxie Sunday, February 11:
3pm Sweet Sounds w/ the Hoxie High School Band-An afternoon of music & desserts. Free will donation.

Tuesday, February 13:
7pm Scrappy Quilter's Meeting at the Sheridan County Historical Society (1224 Oak), parking on west side.

Wednesday, February 14:
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service at Hoxie Methodist Church

Friday, February 16:
9am Free Hearing Screenings - Hoxie Masonic Lodge #348, 840 9th Street. For information contact Gary Shipley: 785-675-8586 or

Tuesday, March 13:
6:30pm Storm Spotter Class-Bowen Scout House (1041 Sheridan Ave.)

Colby Tuesday, February 13 & 20:
6pm Investing 101 Workshop presented by Darryl Henry of Edward Jones. Strategies to help students understand the key principles of saving & investing. Colby Community College. For information: www.colbycc.edu/ceworkshops or call 785-460-4690.

Hays Saturday, February 10:
7:30pm FREE Hays Symphony's Valentine's Concert. Reserve your tickets at haysymphony@fhsu.edu, pick up at the Hays Convention & Visitors Bureau, in the lobby 30 minutes prior to concert.

Jennings Sunday, February 11:
11am SAL Pancake Feed with Korean War Era Veterans Tribute program to follow at 1pm.

Sunday, February 18:
2pm "Beyond the Fire" presentation by DeWayne Jackson - Jennings Library

Oberlin Saturday, February 24:
7:30pm "Acoustic Eidolon" performs Celtic, folk & classical genres. Gateway Center.

Saturday, March 10:
7:30pm MMA/Cage-Fighting-"O-Town Throw Down!" Gateway Civic Center

Grainfield Monday, March 5:
6:30pm Storm Spotter Class-4-H Building (757 W 3rd St.)

Hill City Tuesday, March 6:
6:30pm Storm Spotter Class-Frontier Stage (321 E Main St.)

Thank you!
To the Sheridan County fire department and firemen who came to help with and put out the pick-up fire. Your quickness and expertise were greatly appreciated.
The Schieferecke Family

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Health & Well-BEing

Preacher's Point By Pastor Timothy Johnson



Spring Training

On February 14 my heart will be filled with love. The smells, the sounds, the anticipation of things marvelous will fill the air. I know it is Valentine's Day, but this year it is the day pitchers and catchers report to spring training for the Cleveland Indians.

With hopes my wife never reads the above paragraph allow me to explain. The Indians and the old Cleveland Stadium hold so many memories for me. I remember going to the ball park at the age of five to see the likes of McDowell, Tiant, and Seibert. Dad would only take us to the ballpark for a giveaway - bat day, ball day, cap day, or doubleheaders. I loved the doubleheaders. Back in the day, fans would be allowed in three hours before game time. Dad loved watching fielding and batting practice. I would take my glove and stand behind the dugout trying to get autographs. On August 12, 1978 I asked Julie to marry me while we sat in the upper deck right behind home plate; my favorite seats with my favorite girl watching my favorite team. The only thing keeping the day from being perfect is the fact that Texas beat the Tribe 6-1 that day. Oh yeah, Julie did say, "Yes." I had asked her several times, always receiving a "no" before this, but that is another story.

While growing up I knew, if given the opportunity,

my name would go down in history with Ruth, Mays, Mantle, and the rest of the great players, but alas, no big-league team gave me the first look.

OK, enough of my memories and wishes for stardom, let us move on to the meat of this week's column.

As noted in the first paragraph the start of spring training is a big day on my calendar. While the ballplayers will be in the warmth of Arizona and Florida I will be in the cold of Indiana, but nevertheless, when baseball is being played in the south spring will soon be in the north.

One of the marvels to spring training is that men that are paid millions to play a game, the best players in the world, will practice fielding ground balls, catching flies, hitting, bunting, sliding into a base - all those things they did out in the yard, the wheat field, and city streets as children. The vast majority of these men have been doing these things since they were children and they do it better than nearly all others on the planet, yet, they take the time to hone their skills.

As a minister I am often asked, "How can I be a better Christian?"

"My immediate response is, 'How are you doing with the basics?'"

Just as baseball players go to spring training to drill in the fundamentals of baseball, Christians need to be proficient in the fundamentals of Christianity.

In any craft, one must be proficient with the skills to succeed. A carpenter need to be proficient with a hammer, a screwdriver, a drill, a saw, and the other tools of the trade to be successful. Our carpenter probably beat stuff with a hammer as a child. His early nails were probably all crooked at first, but as time progressed, bent nails became a rarity. The more he did it, the better he became.

If you are wanting to be a

"better Christian" how often do you study the Scripture, attend church, pray, or witness to the unsaved? You cannot get better at anything without doing it. You cannot become a better Christian without practicing Christianity. Being a Christian is far more than reading the Bible, praying, and so on, but once someone becomes a Christian becoming proficient in those things will cause you to grow in your usefulness to God as a Christian.

To be a "better Christian" one must first be a Christian. A Christian is anyone who has placed their faith in Jesus Christ as the only means of their salvation. A Christian does not have eternal life because of the things we do, but because of Christ shedding His blood as payment for our sins. A person places their faith in that, and God grants salvation (John 1:12, 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 10:9-10).

Once a Christian, God begins to work on our spiritual growth. Here is where the fundamentals come in.

Studying the Scripture - The Bible never tells us to read it, but it does tell us to study it (2 Timothy 2:15). Reading is like panning for gold. A few nuggets will come down steam enough to add some value, but to study is like digging that gold mine and hitting the mother load. By studying you will do things like compare one passage with another, following one word throughout the scripture, doing the math through the early genealogies discovering that Noah's children died near the time Isaac was born.

Prayer - Every ballplayer needs to communicate with the manager. From pregame talks, on field instructions and private sessions by a team's manager, so is prayer for the Christian. The study mentioned above and prayer here is how we communicate with God.

Attending Church - "I can worship God just as well at home as I can at church." I have only heard that from people who do not attend church. That statement is not a reason at all to miss church. We are to be worshiping God at all time within everything we do. Therefore, you better be worshiping God just as well at home as in church anyway. In church we can learn through the preaching and teaching, we can grow relationships as we fellowship with fellow believers, and we can be used in the work of the ministry. Never attending or attending church haphazardly will not help anyone become a "better Christian."

Witnessing to the Unsaved - God does command us to do this and He commands us to do a lot of things, but I believe this is fundamental because as the love for Christ overflows our hearts, His love should flow from our lips. Telling someone about Christ is displays our love for them and Christ. Listen to what people say - we talk about what we love. How much do you love Him if you never talk about Him.

If you want to be a better Christian, it is time to attend spring training.

A Little Sunshine & Fresh Air in the Winter

By Viktorija Briggs

We live in an air conditioned and heated indoor world. We move from our ac/heated homes into our ac/heated work places. Only those who work outside, or spend regular time outdoors, will ever really breathe fresh air. So how do we combat this constant inhalation of overly re-circulated air?

There are several plants that will help to clean and purify the air, some are even good for bedrooms to help with sleep. Here are a few to get you into purifying your home or office: Areca Palm, Baby Rubber, Bamboo Palm, Boston Fern, Chinese Evergreen, Mass Cane, Pygmy Date Palm, Ficus.

For the best sleep-aid plants consider having the following in your bedroom: English Ivy, Gardenia, Jasmine, Lavender, Peace Lily, Spider Plant, Valerian

SNAKE PLANT: According to NASA, this is one of the ten best air filtering plants you can find. It emits oxygen during the nighttime hours, which makes for a very fresh and clean air that is perfect for a good night's rest.

ALOE VERA: Everyone knows the healing properties of this plant, but few know that it also releases oxygen in the evening, freshening the air both for a restful sleep and generally cleaner air.

GERBERA DAISY: This brightly colored little flowering plant is not only pretty, helping to beautify your space, but also one that releases extra oxygen during the night making it perfect for a decorative and useful, natural sleep-aid for your nightstand.

So, for adding a little 'sunshine' and a little fresh air to your home, especially during the winter when we're all cooped up, consider the blessing of some of these plants to beautify and freshen your home.

PASTOR'S WORDS Suffering Pt 4

By Micah Howery

We've been talking about suffering and pain over the last, several articles. We've looked at the source of suffering, the sin of mankind. We've looked at the how suffering is the natural result of the free will of humans which is necessary for true love to exist. Last time we talked about how suffering is necessary as a protection device and completes our experience in life.

Today we will look at the last angle. I should say, we are going to look at the last angle I will write about. This subject is too big to explain entirely. The last reason for suffering I will share is all about relationships.

I never served in the military. It would not have been a good fit. But, I've known many veterans and they all tell the same tale about their war buddies. The relationships formed during the fighting were the strongest relationships they will ever have. In the 1950's, many wives were even envious of the love these brothers had for each other.

Suffering opens us up emotionally in a way nothing else will. Men who have nothing else in common will still feel an unbreakable bond with those with whom they suffered in war. This is one of the reasons why the loss of men in battle is so devastating. Many sociologists have suggested that this phenomenon is one reason war has been lauded as an honorable and healthy thing throughout history despite the devastation it causes.

War is only the extreme, though. So many married couples who lose a child end up in divorce, but those who

stick it out are more likely to report a stronger, more vibrant relationship with their spouse after the healing is complete. Siblings from abusive homes, despite being emotionally unhealthy, are often the closest and most reliable in times of trouble.

Suffering binds us to our fellow sufferers. Go into a cancer ward and watch how young and old form strong relationships despite the difference in generation, money, background or whatever. Suffering opens us up in a way nothing else can.

If we combine this reality to the fact that God created us for relationship, wouldn't that mean suffering MUST be a part of our lives? If God removed all suffering, our very purpose would be blunted. We would never know the depth of love possible if our lives were totally pain free. It could be argued that the wealth of our current society and our ability to reduce pain has limited our ability to know true selfless love, creating the self-centered mess we have on our hands.

But it doesn't stop with just people. Remember, God didn't create us just to love each other, but to love Him as well. This would only work, of course, if God suffered with us. But how could He do that? We are flesh, He is spirit. We are bound to earth, space and time, He is not. The only way God could suffer with us is if He became a human.

And that's exactly what He did. God became a human named Jesus and lived a life of hunger, hard work, exhaustion, sore feet, rejection, mockery, slander and more. And, that was all before the cross, which exceeded the level of suffering the vast majority of people will ever experience.

Now, when we go through a great loss, great pain, great pressure or fear, we can receive an understanding love from God. We know He has been there, no matter what we are going through. We know He weeps with us, hurts alongside us. And we know that His presence calms, encourages and heals us.

If God created a world without suffering, we would never know true love with each other, or with God. That, I'm afraid, is not a life worth living.

Next week I will finish this series with a brief lesson on dealing with suffering.

The
ARMOURAIRES
Quartet

Date: Sunday, February 11, 2018
Time: Groundhog Supper 5:30pm-6:30pm
Armouraires Program 7pm
Place: Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
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An afternoon of
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Rachel Farber

Good Eating

As we are forgetting how a frosted cake looks these days, we can without overstepping the bounds of economy occasionally use a rich filling for a layer cake, which is most satisfying.

Banana Cream Filling - Beat the eggs until stiff and dry. Mash four bananas until smooth, sprinkle sugar over them to keep them from turning dark, add the bananas to the whites, a spoonful at a time, beating after each addition. A cupful of powdered sugar is used to add to the banana pulp. Sufficient beating will make this cream light and fluffy.

Ginger Rice - Scald a quart of milk and stir in five tablespoonfuls of washed rice, add salt, three tablespoonfuls of sugar and a tablespoonful of finely chopped preserved ginger, bake for two hours in a slow oven.

Virginia Spoon Bread - Stir a cupful of cornmeal into a pint of scalding hot milk, cook five minutes, then add two tablespoonfuls of butter and a cupful of cold milk, then add two well beaten eggs, beat

well and gradually add another cupful of milk. Put the mixture into a well buttered granite baking dish and bake a half hour in a hot oven. Serve at once from the baking dish.

Breadcrumb Pancakes - Two cupfuls of fine bread crumbs soaked in two cupfuls of milk over night, then beat smooth, add two well-beaten eggs, a tablespoonful of melted shortening, add a cupful of flour with two teaspoonfuls of baking powder and a half teaspoonful of salt sifted with the flour. Cook on a hot greased griddle, spreading them very thin and serve hot with maple sirup.

Jugged Soup - Put six potatoes sliced very thin in a bean pot, add a cupful of canned peas, a thinly sliced turnip, a sliced onion and a quarter of a cupful of well washed rice. Season with salt and cayenne and pour over a quart of well seasoned beef broth. Put on the cover and place in the oven, cook three hours and serve with crackers.

Seasonable War Foods

The women all over the land who are trying to conform to the food-

conservation requisites are having more fun housekeeping than ever before in their lives. Being economical and resourceful is now the fashion and it is developing many latent geniuses. Women are putting the thought that they used to spend on clothes or amusements on the proper food for the family, with the result that the importance of food study is finding its proper place.

Brown Rice - Add a teaspoonful of salt to three cupfuls of boiling water and drop in a half cupful of unpolished rice, cook stirring with a fork until well boiling, then cook until tender more slowly. Dry in the oven and serve as a vegetable seasoned with salt, pepper and butter.

*By Nellie Maxwell
The Sentinel Archives
The Hoxie Sentinel
February 21, 1918*



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Conservation Special

2017 Soil Conservation Award



Soil Conservation Award winners, Meier Farms, Menlo, Kansas.
(Sheridan County Conservation District photo)

The 2017 soil conservation award this year goes to Meier Farms. Roch and Marilyn Meier and Michael Meier farm in western Sheridan County. In the last few years, the Meier's have added cover crops to their farming operation. It's been a learning process for them.

The Meier's were looking for a better way to grow their crops, to be more productive and at the same time, use less resources. They have had some success with increased yields, less time in the tractor and less soil compaction.



The Meiers: Michael, Marilyn, and Roch
(Photo by Rachel Farber)



Diversions Versus Terraces

One of the first things I learned as a Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) field technician—diversions are not installed in fields in place of terraces.

When deciding to install structural practices, the question often asked is, should I terrace the field or install a diversion? Every field is different, but all fields need foreign drainage control and the work must begin at the top of the field.

A terrace is designed to reduce the slope length for erosion control and/or to provide moisture conservation. A terrace handles the runoff water from the area below the next terrace up the hill, or from the top of the field when that area does not exceed the area associated with normal terrace spacing.

A diversion may also be used for erosion control and moisture conservation, but is designed to divert runoff water from a gully, a farmstead, a terrace system, or other improvement. A diversion handles the runoff water from a larger or more irregular area, often including substantial “foreign” drainage beyond field boundaries, and typically with a longer watershed slope than what a single terrace could treat.

Terraces are typically paid for by the linear foot. Diversions are typically paid for by the cubic yard. With

large amounts of foreign drainage, diversions can get very large in height and expensive to construct compared to terraces. The required storage or flow area is based on drainage acres and the quality of cover that is on those drainage acres. To accommodate the required storage or flow area, diversions can vary greatly in length, height, and channel width.

Land slope also plays a key role in the required height of a level diversion. Flat slopes of 0.5 to 1.0 percent can accommodate wide channels from 70 to 100 feet for level diversions that temporarily store water. Steeper slopes require a narrower channel to minimize the excavation at the upper edge of the channel. All these factors contribute to the design, height, channel width, and cost of a level diversion.

If the size and costs of a level (or storage type) diversion are excessive, the system design can include a safe outlet to drain the structure. Grassed waterways or underground outlets can be used in conjunction with gradient diversions to convey runoff to a suitable outlet. If such a diversion is graded to a safe outlet, it is a smaller structure with lower construction costs.

Sometimes producers are tempted to install two or three big diversions on a field instead of a multiple terrace system. This is not a good idea. This may work for a

few years in today's high residue environment, but sooner or later, a large, high intensity rainfall event will occur. Those events cause maintenance nightmares. Channels will fill with silt due to excessive horizontal spacing. Water breaks over the ridges causing even more substantial ephemeral gullies and the longevity of the structure can be severely diminished.

For more information, or to discuss other resource concerns, please contact your local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office or conservation district office located at your local county U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Service Center (listed in the telephone book under United States Government or on the internet at offices.usda.gov) for assistance. More information is also available on the Kansas NRCS Web site at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov. Follow us on Twitter @NRCS_Kansas. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Soil health, also called soil quality, is a concept that has really gained steam in the United States, and locally, over the past several years. Soil health is complex, but the soil performs functions that are essential to crop growth and to the betterment of society and the environment. This is not solely limited to agriculture, but most work and evaluation has occurred on agricultural lands.

In order to evaluate soil health, a set of numerous indicators are used. These indicators may be qualitative or quantitative. These indicators should integrate physical, chemical, and biological properties, and be accessible to all users. They must be responsive to different management operations, and must adapt to differing climates.

Most producers are comfortable and knowledgeable of the chemical aspects of this equation, as many of them use soil tests for fertility. The physical and biological aspects are much more elusive and not as easily understood. Examples of the physical indicators could be available water capacity, bulk density, or infiltration. These three indicators can be grouped together into one example problem. When intensive tillage has occurred in the past, nearly every acre of cropland has developed a hardpan or tillage pan. These indicators

Soil Health

are influenced by the following, through prolonged use of sweep plows operating at a depth of 4- to 5-inches, intense pressure has been exerted on the soil at and below this depth. A severe degree of compaction has occurred in generally a 4- to 6-inch layer, increasing the bulk density of the soil in this zone. The higher the bulk density in grams per cubic centimeter, the greater the density of the soil. When soil has an increase in bulk density in the hardpan layer, water infiltration is severely limited. If rainfall is unable to penetrate into the soil, it runs off. The more rainfall that runs off, the less available water there is for plant use. Although this is a simplistic example, it is a basic representation of the problem that exists on most farm ground. Another problem caused by high bulk density is the inability of plant roots to penetrate the com-

pacted zone. This is evident in many failing crop fields where moisture is available below the hardpan, but the crops are unable to penetrate through the roots.

Another important indicator of soil health is the biological indicator. Soil organisms are responsible for the decomposition of organic matter, and cycling of nutrients. An easily recognizable biological indicator is the root worm activity in the soil. If soil is healthy, there are many earthworms. Earthworms play a key role in modifying the physical structure of soils by producing new aggregates and pores, which improves soil tilth, aeration, infiltration, and drainage. They improve soil porosity by burrowing and mixing soil, and roots often follow earthworm burrows and use available nutrients associated with the worm casts.

Determining the basic soil

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To a farmer, it's potential.*
~Doe Zantamata

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Conservation Special

2017 Windbreak Award

The 2017 windbreak award this year goes to Lenny and Michelle Patmon. They planted a total of 593 trees, two rows of cedar trees and two rows of pine trees. Lenny said the trees have been a tremendous help in blocking not only wind, but the dirt and noise from the surrounding area and roads. They were unable to be present so their daughters, Lindsay Moore, Whitney Zerr and Jenna Tuma, accepted the award in their place. Jenna said she remembers how hot that summer was after planting the trees, and she had the honor of spending hours watering the trees with a hose.



Windbreak Award winners, Lenny and Michelle Patmon.
(Sheridan County Conservation District photo)



Accepting for the Patmon's: Lindsey, Whitney, and Jenna
(Photo by Rachel Farber)



health of one's field does not involve a great investment in equipment or tests. The simplest tools to evaluate soil health in a farming operation is a sharpshooter and your own eyes. Dig a shallow hole, 12 inches deep will usually do, and observe what the soil looks like. Can you recognize surface crusting and the hardpan? Are the crop roots affected by the hardpan? Are there earthworms? If you do this, a whole new subterranean world may be opened up to you.

For assistance, please con-

tact your local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office or conservation district office located at your local county U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Service Center (listed in the telephone book under U. S. Government or on the internet at offices.usda.gov). More information is also available on the Kansas NRCS Web site at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov. Follow us on Twitter @NRCS_Kansas. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

The Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) provides sound conservation guidance to landowners and producers. Providing technical expertise stems from a process that is a priority with the agency. It should also be a priority for anyone who desires to implement conservation practices to start a more sustainable approach

to their farming or ranching operation.

There are nine steps identified by NRCS that outline conservation planning. These steps include: identifying problems and opportunities, determining objectives, inventorying resources, analyzing resource data, formulating alternatives, evaluating alternatives, making decisions, implementing the plan, and evaluating the plan. In short, the planning process is focused on having a planner

work closely with a producer to determine their goals and objectives for the land, identify resource concerns, and provide guidance for solutions to alleviate those concerns. The planning process is not static, rather these steps are accomplished in a dynamic fashion so that the producer and planner can make decisions and have flexibility to proceed in a way that they both believe is the most beneficial for the land.

NRCS requires employees working with landowners and

producers to become "Certified Conservation Planners." They are required to meet certain requirements to be qualified to work with producers to develop a plan. These requirements include extensive training in resource concern identification, as well as management and planning techniques.

There are many types of resource concerns that could indicate the need to start the conservation planning process. These resource concerns range from soil and water erosion to inefficient use of energy and water quality issues. NRCS has the tools to help producers identify these concerns and implement practices that will address natural resource concerns and contribute to their preservation. If resource concerns exist on your property, contact your local NRCS office. They will be happy to guide you through "The Nine Steps of Conservation Planning," and help you achieve your conservation goals.

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~Ike Skelton

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"I recognize the right and duty of this generation to develop and use the nature resources of our land; but, I do not recognize the right to waste them, or to rob, through wasteful use, the generations that come after us."

~Theodore Roosevelt

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To be a successful farmer one must first know the nature of the soil.
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Now & Then

Compiled by Rachel Farber

The Golden Belt, Grinnell

February 5, 1887

The South Side well supports a new pump.

The coal trade was on the boom the first of the week.

G. M. Chambers has moved in to the house with Mrs. Gardner.

Wish somebody would look up our Gove City correspondence.

Vacant houses will soon be in demand, and hardly an extra house in town.

Miss Nara Jones, our efficient teacher, has been on the sick list for a few days.

Mrs. Troutman and Mrs. Giles W. Humes were pleasant callers at *Belt* sanctum on Tuesday last.

A company is trying to boom Russell Springs, in St. John Co. They may boom, and they may not boom.

Even these cold days Tucker is kept busy making tubing for wells. Our well men are working right along.

A rope and bucket is attached to the Boswell well in the west part of town, making it quite convenient for many.

Dr. Jones has got a new nag for his gig that is a high stepper and a fast goer, and the Dr. generally gets there on time.

Mr. John S. Guitner has sold his residence in town to L. T. Bornt. Mr. Guitner will move on his land just north of town soon.

Mrs. Jennie Humes, one of the first and earliest settlers of Sheridan county, wife of Giles W. Humes, ex-sheriff of that county, was visiting the first of the week with old neighbors - the Troutmans and Rickmans.

Miss Eliza Summerson, of Alcyone, has been spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Anstine.

Mrs. Evaline Tucker, the Hoxie milliner, and her son Frank, is visiting relatives at the Gove this week.

Miss Emma N. Binkley, telegraph operator at Kit Karson, Colo., came to Grinnell on Saturday morning and has been spending the week visiting her sister, Mrs. Woomer, wife of our depo agent.

The Club Dance met Wednesday last at the Gove Hotel and enjoyed themselves till 12 o'clock. There was a large attendance and mine host and hostess did much to entertain and make the guests feel themselves at home.

While neighboring towns are complaining of hard times and dull trade, Grinnell is living in the midst of prosperity. It is true our merchants could handle more goods but they do not complain of the trade they are having. Coal and lumber is quick sale. Low prices account for that.

Born, on Wednesday morning last, to Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Vanover, a 10 ½ pound girl. Sam still survives the shock and Dr. Davis thinks he will entirely recover in the course of time. Mrs. Van and the young lady are well and hearty. Sam set up the cigars in good shape, and looked as well pleased as a little boy with a new pair of boots.

125 Years Ago
February 9, 1893

The furniture store has samples of all kinds of carpet, call and see them.

Fred Burr left this morning for the east. He will be gone several weeks.

Dr. Lee, of Nebraska, has been in the city all week, and in company with W. F. Schultheis, and has been looking around for some cheap real estate, in which to put some money.

Wm. Stevens, one of Sheridan county's pioneers, called on us Saturday and says he is out of patience with the way our legislature is acting, and the best thing that can be done, is for them all to come home. Uncle Billy has got on the right side at last and it will be a cold day when he goes astray again.

Cap Horner made the drive on time Wednesday.

Joe Conard was at mill Monday and says Valley is



The post office and store at the town of Orange. Orange was several miles south of Seguin. (Sheridan County Historical Society photo)

quiet.

A. Jemison is clerking for D. L. Wiggins in the Great Western Drug Store.

Rob't Gates has bought a new buggy and has his eye on a new girl and it is one of Sheridan county's too.

Born: - To Mr. and Mrs. Will Woods last Sunday morning, a girl; all doing well, so reported, Joseph Conard.

Miss Anderson, who has been visiting Miss Cassie Wiggins, left for her home in the east last Tuesday evening. Mrs. Wiggins accompanied her as far as Omaha.

Steve Fry brings in the word that he is married again, he found the woman in Nebraska, married her in Lenora and got 20 head of cattle and 160 acres of land to boot. Good for you Steve.

Mr. Reel of the Saline river was in the city Wednesday, he is preparing to put in a large crop this year and wear diamonds next fall, we hope he may, for if he wears diamonds we will have some kind of jewelry.

Thomas Eply arrived in the city Monday and has come to stay and will work his farm this year. He says his father George Eply and family will be here soon and will come prepared to make this their future home.

Last Saturday the editor of this paper who had been confined to his room for several weeks on account of sore eyes was taken to Denver by Dr. Hall where he could receive treatment from a competent oculist. Dr. Hall returned Tuesday and says he left Mr. Quisenberry in St. Luke's hospital in good hands and resting. It will be perhaps three weeks before he will return. The physicians have great hopes of not only saving the eye but of effecting a permanent cure.

100 Years Ago
February 7, 1918

Death Claim a Pioneer

One by one the pioneers of this community are being drafted into the silent army of the dead. One need not think back many years until unconsciously there comes to him scores of familiar faces now numbered with the hosts of the dead - dwellers in the silent city, where all men meet on a common plane, the rich and poor, the humble and the great. God willed it so - it's the great law of the universe. Death does not involve mystery - it's but the fulfillment of one of the great underlying principles of the cosmos. 'Tis sad to have to give up relatives and friends and bid them good bye forever from earthly life, but

days, weeks, years, occasions, events, pass on, "Time and tide wait for no man."

In the passing of Joseph W. Miller, another familiar figure seen often upon our streets, will be seen no more. His long life, full of ripe experiences, has been drafted by his Maker to edify a new world beyond the stars. Peace to his soul.

Local News

W. J. Surmeier, from Solomon township, was a Hoxie business visitor the first of the week.

Cale Farber, Irvin Hoffditz, Henry Epler, Mrs. Mary Davis, Mrs. Elta Summerson ordered their dailies through *The Sentinel*, this week.

Will Cressler found a tire pump while coming to town, Tuesday, and left the same at this office. Will says it's somewhat embarrassing to be caught with a tire down and no pump - he's had experience.

Green Valley

By Old Black Joe Edgar Mitchell helped James McClain haul feed Monday.

Arthur Moore made a business trip to Selden Friday in regard to the income tax.

Old Sheridan

By Mrs. B. Miss Pearl Godfrey returned Monday from St. Francis where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Myrtle Rogers, the past month.

Earl McClain who is here from Camp Pike on fifteen days leave will return to duty the last of this week.

Spring Brook

By Occasional Visitor C. W. Popp and family spent Sabbath at the home of Mr. Sutton.

Francis Hoover and wife spent Sunday of last week with Andy Oaks.

Selden News

Carl Mumm and family moved into their property recently vacated by C. C. Overeem.

Bob Lake and family have moved to Goodland. We understand Bob is getting a better job on the R. R. We are glad to hear that.

Bow Creek

By Mary Hoepotatoes Owin Hunter is digging an ice cave for his brother, W. R., merchant at Studley.

The wheat isn't all gone yet, I saw Mrs. Davis throw her hens an apron full the other day.

Joe Yantis is some improved, but is still at his sister's in Nebraska.

75 Years Ago
February 4, 1943

City School Notes

First Grade - In social

studies we have begun the unit on, "Clothing in the Home."

Second Grade - In art we have colored covered wagons and made sunflowers for Kansas Day.

Third Grade - We have been making Valentine presents for our mothers and fathers.

Fourth Grade - We reviewed our Kansas Social Study Unit and made Kansas Day booklets.

Local Happenings

J. D. Winter has received word directly from his son, Lieut. John Stanley Winter, saying that he had received a citation for meritorious conduct in action in North Africa.

The Ray Baalman family of Denver spent Monday at the Clarence Baalman home. The Ray Baalmans are visiting this week with relatives at Angelus and here.

W. B. Woofter is working for the Central Kansas Power at the Power Plant. He takes the place of Lorel Steinsouer who left here for the navy recently.

Miss Eleanora Ochs is working at the A. M. Shatzell home.

Morland News

Reuben Deines left Monday for Salina where he has employment.

Mrs. Elmer Fox has been suffering with an infection in her eye.

Society News

Mrs. Chandler and Mrs. F. Farber were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Lula Allen.

Dr. F. C. Roadhouse was a dinner guest Monday at the Sylvan Percival home.

Mrs. Rettie Cooper entertained a group of friends at dinner Friday noon. The ladies spent the afternoon sewing on fancy work and visiting. The group included Mrs. Lula Allen, Mrs. L. H. McCartney, Mrs. Ira Vinson, Mrs. Anna Reed, Mrs. Mary Cooper and Mrs. Lula Russell.

East Saline News

The H. H. Club met in the home of Mrs. R. G. Martin, Thursday, January 28, with 12 members present. Mrs. Mary Morgan and Mrs. Frank Smith were guests. A delicious covered dish dinner was served at noon to 35. Two wool comforters were tied for the hostess. Several received birthday packages from their fairy sisters. The next club meeting will be on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 11.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jamison visited at R. G. Martins Friday evening.

Menlo Items

Funeral services for Mrs. Nick Mannebach are being held in St. Martins church at Seguin Tuesday morning.

the Glen Brown home on Saturday.

Leoville News

Mr. and Mrs. David Kruse attended the wedding of Mrs. Kruse's niece, Sherri Klein and Ronald Bieker in Hays Saturday morning.

Mrs. Jim Schieferecke entertained the St. Francis group of the Altar Society in her home Tuesday afternoon.

Thimble Circle Club

Thimble Circle Club met with Mrs. Duane Hedge Feb. 1. A delicious chicken dinner with all the trimmings was served at noon. Twelve members answered roll call by telling how they met their husbands. Embroidery work was done for the hostess. Club adjourned to meet with Florence Mauck Feb. 15. Roll call is to be answered by telling of the most interesting Valentine I received.

Broadway News

We met several friends at the Coop meeting Monday night at Studley whom we hadn't seen for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Breeden entertained Charlotte White, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Edgell and family, Margaret Breeden of Manhattan, Mr. and Mrs. Cass Breeden and Mrs. Cecil O'Dell Monday evening for supper.

25 Years Ago
February 4, 1993

Sheriff's Report

At approximately 6 p.m. on Jan. 30 a deer kill accident occurred involving a 1986 Ford pickup driven by Loren Stephens of Grinnell. The accident occurred on a county road southwest of Hoxie resulting from the deer entering the roadway directly in front of the vehicle. Pickup sustained minor damage.

The sheriff's office also worked on one domestic call and two juvenile cases during the week of Jan. 24-30.

Second Graders Coffee Break Bake Sale

The Hoxie Second Graders will once again be holding their annual Coffee Break Bake Sale. It will be on Thursday, Feb. 11. The sale will begin at 9 a.m. and last for one hour. There will be three locations for the sale: The State Bank of Hoxie, The First National Bank and The Hoxie State Insurance Agency. The children will also have a traveling van that will go to some places of business. This bake sale is unique in the fact that you may buy food by the piece to enjoy with your morning coffee. The children look forward to this event each year. All the money earned goes toward the Second Grade Indian Unit and other second grade projects. Please plan to attend this little project sponsored by the Second Grade students.

Stop and Smell the Pizza Friday

What could be called Quinter's newest business is really a mobile business that will serve other towns as well.

Norman Staab, who owns Pizza Hut franchises in WaKeeney, Plainville, Oberlin, Norton and Smith Center, has started a new concept for Pizza Hut pizza. A mobile unit spends a day each week in several towns making fresh pizzas. The unit is scheduled to be in Hoxie on Fridays.

The unit is located on the lot north of Hoxie State Insurance Agency. The unit is connected to local phone service and electrical service.

The Pizza Hut On Wheels is open for business on Friday from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Their phone number is 675-3432.

Sheridan County Library

Next Monday, Feb. 8, the Friends of the Sheridan County Library will sponsor, with a partial grant from the Kansas Humanities Council, the Talking About Literature Program, "Westerning" at the Sheridan County Library. Dr. Sharon Wilson an English professor from Fort Hays State University will be presenting the book, *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck. Everyone is invited for a very entertaining evening at the library.



Area Schools



MENU

MONDAY 2/12/2018

B: Sausage Link w/ Toast
L: Pig in a Blanket

TUESDAY 2/13/2018

B: Mini Donut
L: Beef & Noodles

WEDNESDAY 2/14/2018

B: Strawberry Bagel
L: 3-Cheese Calzone

THURSDAY 2/15/2018

B: Waffle Sticks
L: Taco Soup

FRIDAY 2/16/2018

B: Breakfast Round
L: Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza

RED CALENDAR

MONDAY 2/12/2018

3:40pm Grade School BLT Meeting
4pm JrH Scholar's Bowl @ Oberlin
7pm BOE Meeting

TUESDAY 2/13/2018

4:30pm HS Basketball @ Norton

WEDNESDAY 2/14/2018

FCCLA District Star Events @ Hill City
NWKL Jr H Music Festival @ Colby Community College
Valentine's Day

THURSDAY 2/15/2018

FFA Speech& Selection Day @ Plainville
4pm Jr H Wrestling @ St. Francis

FRIDAY 2/16/2018

6pm HS Basketball
2pm HS Wrestling Regional

SATURDAY 2/17/2018

9am HS Wrestling Regional

SUNDAY 2/18/2018

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Feb. 13 Hoxie @ Norton 6:00pm

WRESTLING

Feb. 9 Hoxie vs Oberlin Duel 6:30pm

2018 PANTHER CLASSIC HOXIE RESULTS

(02/02/2018)

113: Zack Sherman (Hoxie) - DNP

Zack Sherman (Hoxie) over Tyler Schoenberger (Oakley) (MD 17-7) Camdyn Unterseher (Norton Community) over Zack Sherman (Hoxie) (Fall 3:48) Zack Sherman (Hoxie) over ? Ross (Marysville) (TF 18-1 4:51) Zack Sherman (Hoxie) over Austin Roth (Minneapolis) (Inj. [time])

120: Dylan Weimer (Hoxie) - DNP

Dylan Weimer (Hoxie) over Thomas Lovewell (Hays-Thomas More Prep-Marian) (Dec 6-3) Dylan Weimer (Hoxie) over Blayne Harris (Beloit) (SV-1 5-3) Dylan Weimer (Hoxie) over Jacob Sisson (Phillipsburg) (SV-1 3-1)

132: Aidan Baalman (Hoxie) - DNP

Josh Lenker (Phillipsburg) over Aidan Baalman (Hoxie) (TF 17-0 5:27) Trevor Casteel (Abilene) over Aidan Baalman (Hoxie) (TF 15-0 3:19)

138: Andrew Foote (Hoxie) - DNP

Andrew Foote (Hoxie) over Camden Harris (Beloit) (Dec 4-1) Andrew Foote (Hoxie) over Jackson Randles (Abilene) (Dec 6-3) Tristan Hauck (Minneapolis)

over Andrew Foote (Hoxie) (Fall 1:55)

145: Dayton Porsch (Hoxie) - DNP

Dayton Porsch (Hoxie) over Hunter Scheck (Oakley) (Fall 0:00) Dayton Porsch (Hoxie) over Blaine Russell (Phillipsburg) (Fall 0:00) Dayton Porsch (Hoxie) over Gabe Capp (Marysville) (Fall 1:02)

152: Wylie Weems (Hoxie) - DNP

Ellis Slack (Oakley) over Wylie Weems (Hoxie) (MD 10-2) Wylie Weems (Hoxie) over ? Hopkins (Ellsworth) (MD 10-2) Noah Ackerman (Marysville) over Wylie Weems (Hoxie) (SV-1 6-2)

160: Sam Bretz (Hoxie) - DNP

Cole Amlong (Norton Community) over Sam Bretz (Hoxie) (Fall 1:14) Matt Kirkendall (Phillipsburg) over Sam Bretz (Hoxie) (Fall 2:34)

220: Chris Cox (Hoxie) - DNP

Chris Cox (Hoxie) over * White (Ellsworth) (Fall 1:10) Chris Cox (Hoxie) over Darin Dilka (Oakley) (Fall 1:05) Chris Cox (Hoxie) over Kaleb Parker (Marysville) (Fall 0:00) Chris Cox (Hoxie) over Dawson Wuthnow (Abilene) (Dec 2-0)

Lady Indians Beat St. Francis

By Rebekah Castle

Friday's game against was a tough one for the Lady Indians, when the Lady Indians of Hoxie took on the Lady Indians of St. Francis at St. Francis on Feb. 2. The junior varsity girls were the first to play on St. Francis' home court. Though they battled tough, Hoxie JV girls couldn't quite reach the winning score.

The varsity girls also had a battle on their plate. To start out the game, St. Francis took the lead and kept it all the way into half time. The Hoxie Lady Indians were slow and out of it in the first half of the game. They gave up 26 points to St. Francis and only scored 25 to match.

In the third quarter though, Hoxie came back out and played hard. With the score still close, the Lady Indians of Hoxie managed to gain the lead and keep it until the end. The final score of the game was 67-47. Again, the Lady

Indians managed to beat their opponent and add another win to their record, now sitting at 15-0.

Team Stats: 19 offensive rebounds and 16 defensive rebounds. Individual Stats: #3 Macy Schamberger-5 points, 1 assist, 5 deflections and 1 steal; #4 Lilly Schamberger-16 points, 5 assists, 3 deflections and 5 steals; #5 Macalee White-1 assist, 1 steal and 1 deflection; #10 Addi Campbell-11 points, 6 assists, 5 deflections and 7 steals; #11 Brooke Dorenkamp-8 points, 2 deflections and 2 steals; #13 Baylee McKenna-1 assist; #14 Lexi Torluemke-2 points and 1 deflection; #20 Ashlyn Kaus-4 points; #22 Maiah Castle-5 points, 2 assists, 1 deflection, 4 steals and 1 block; #33 Rebekah Castle-13 points, 1 assist, 2 steals and 2 blocks; #54 Trinity Balluch-3 points.

Hoxie Improves to 14-0

By Luke Schippers

The Hoxie Indians played at home on Tuesday, Jan. 30 against the Oakley Plainsmen. Hoxie looked to keep their win streak alive at 14 and get one step closer to locking up a #1 seed at sub-state.

Hoxie came out to start the game and hit some very good shots to jump out to a 23-12 first quarter lead. Oakley won the second quarter, but only by 1 point, 16-15, and

the Indians still held a 38-28 halftime lead.

Hoxie came out of half time and hit more of their shots and forced the Plainsmen into turnovers due to a press. Hoxie won the third quarter 23-7 and by the end of the third quarter Hoxie held a 61-35 lead. Hoxie again outscored Oakley in the fourth quarter 17-10 and went on to win the game 78-45.

Stats for the game: Junior Logan Weimer had 5 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, 1 turnover, and 4 fouls; senior Troyal Burris had 4 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, 2 turnovers, and 2 fouls; junior Jarrod Dible had 15 points, 12 rebounds, 1 assist, and 1 steal; junior Jared Kennedy had 6 points, 1 assist, and 2 fouls; senior Easton Slipke had 20 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals, 1 block, 3 turnovers, and 2 fouls; senior Latham Schwarz had 8 points, 6 rebounds, 11 assists, 2 steals, 5 turnovers, and 2 fouls; senior Taylor Burris had 7 points, 3 rebounds, 1 turnover, and 1 foul; senior Luke Schippers had 4 points, 2 rebounds, and 2 fouls; junior Sean Robbin had 7 points, 10 rebounds, 1 steal, and 2 fouls; freshman Harlan Obioha had 2 points.

HOXIE WINS BIG!

By Luke Schippers

The Hoxie Indians travelled to St. Francis to take on the St. Francis Indians on Friday, Feb. 2, in a big game for postseason seeding.

Both teams came out fast and hit their shots early. Hoxie led at the end of the first quarter 21-18. Both teams slowed down their paces a little in the second quarter, but Hoxie hit a few more shots to win the second quarter 14-8 and go into halftime up 35-26.

Hoxie's Indians came out of half time ready to play while St. Francis' Indians looked a little slow and allowed Hoxie to win the third quarter 26-13. Hoxie held a 61-39 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

St. Francis went shot for shot with Hoxie in the fourth quarter, but Hoxie got the upper hand winning the fourth quarter 20-18. Hoxie won the contest 81-57.

Stats for the game: Junior Logan Weimer had 8 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals, 1 turnover, and 2 fouls; senior Troyal Burris had 2 rebounds, and 1 turnover; junior Jarrod Dible had 16 points 5 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, 1 block, 2 turnovers, and 3 fouls; junior Jared Kennedy had 2 points, 3 rebounds, and 1 foul; senior Easton Slipke had 38 points, made an incredible 10 three pointers, 5 rebounds, 6 assists, 2 steals, 2 turnovers, and 1 foul; senior Latham Schwarz had 4 points, 3 rebounds, 10 assists, 3 turnovers, and 4 fouls; senior Taylor Burris had 3 rebounds, and 1 turnover; senior Luke Schippers had 1 rebound, 1 assist, 3 blocks, and 1 foul; junior Sean Robbin had 13 points, 2 rebounds, 2 blocks, 1 turnover, and 3 fouls.

Lady Indians Defeat Lady Plainsmen

By Rebekah Castle

Tuesday Jan. 30, the Lady Indians hosted the Lady Plainsmen on their home court. The JV game started at 4:30 at the grade school gym. The junior varsity Lady Indians played two quarters against Oakley and came away from the contest with another win on their record.

Tip off for the girls varsity match was at 6 pm. Winning the jump ball, the Lady Plainsmen received first possession to start the game, also scoring the first two points of the competition. The Lady Indians put up two points soon after. The game was a battle for both sides. The Lady Indians came out a bit sloppy but soon kicked it into gear, winning the game. The final score was 52-18, giving the Lady Indians a record of 14-0.

Team Stats: 13 offensive rebounds and 16 defensive rebounds. Individual Stats: #3 Macy Schamberger-13 points, 2 assists, 2 deflections and 3 steals; #4 Lilly Schamberger-16 points, 4 assists, 5 deflections and 2 steals; #5 Macalee White-2 point, 2 assists, and 3 steals; #10 Addi Campbell-12 points, 3 assists, 7 deflections and 3 steals; #11 Brooke Dorenkamp-1 point and 1 steal; #13 Baylee McKenna-1 steal; #14 Lexi Torluemke-2 points and 1 deflection; #22 Maiah Castle-3 points, 2 deflection, 1 steal and 1 block; #33 Rebekah Castle-3 points, 3 assists, 3 deflections, 1 steal and 2 blocks.

Thunderhawk Boys in the WKLL Tourney

By Zoe Schultz

To begin the Western Kansas Liberty League tournament, the varsity Thunderhawk boys beat the Weskan coyotes 63-58 on Monday night in Grainfield. Chandler Ostymeyer and Kyler Haffner led the team in points with 15, Zach Gillespie and Trevor Zarbynicky with 12, Mason Bixenman with 6, and Russel Villano with 2. Kyler led the team in assists with 5, followed by Mason with 2, and Chandler and Russel with 1. Leading the team in steals was Kyler with 4, Mason with 2, and Chandler, Russel, and Trevor with 1 each. Kyler led the team in rebounds with 5, followed by Chandler, Zach, and Trevor with 4, and Russel and mason with 3, and Wyatt and Jordan Ostmeyer with 1 rebound. Mason led the team in blocks with 1. In the next round, on Tuesday at the Colby Community Building, the Thunderhawk boys played the Northern Valley Huskies and lost 17-62. Leading the team in points was Kyler with 10, Zach with 3, and Wyatt and Ethan Beckman with 2 each. Zach led the team in assists with 2, followed by Kyler and Trevor with 1. Mason and Kyler each had one steal. Trevor led the team in rebounds with 7, followed by Mason with 5, Wyatt with 3, Kyler and Jordan with 2, and Ethan with 1. Trevor led the team in blocks with 1. On Saturday, the boys placed 3rd beating Triplains-Brewster 48-36. Leading the team in points was Chandler with 16, Trevor with 10, Wyatt and Kyler with 6, Zach with 4, Mason with 3, Ethan with 2, and Andrew Taylor with 1. Kyler led the team in assists with 5, followed by Zach with 4, Chandler with 2, and Mason with 1. Leading the team in steals was Chandler with 4, Mason with 3, Zach with 2, and Kyler with 1. Chandler led the team in rebounds with 7, followed by Wyatt and Trevor with 3, Kyler with 2, and Zach with 1. Chandler led the team in blocks with 4. The next games will be Tuesday, February 6, in Quinter, and Friday, February 9, at home against Palco.

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*Lady Thunderhawks
Take on the
League Tournament*

By Lanae Goetz

The Lady Thunderhawks lost the first game of the tournament to Cheylin (47-53). It was a very hard-fought battle and there is no doubt they will see the cougars again before the season ends. Zoe Schultz led in points with 12, Angel Mong (10), Jessi Bernbeck (10), Lanae Goetz (8), and Jordyn Vincent (7). Jessi Bernbeck led in total rebounds with 10, Morrigan Zimmerman (7), and Jordyn Vincent (7). Lanae Goetz led in steals with 7, Bernbeck (3), Zimmerman (3), Vincent (2), Schultz (2), and Mong (2).

The second game of the Western Kansas Liberty League Tournament was against the Logan Trojans,



THUNDERHAWKS

MENU

MONDAY 2/12/2018

B: Breakfast Bar
L: Breaded Chicken Sandwich

TUESDAY 2/13/2018

B: Sausage Links
L: BBQ Pork Sandwich

WEDNESDAY 2/14/2018

B: Pancakes
L: Tacos

THURSDAY 2/15/2018

B: Waffles
L: Italian Supreme

FRIDAY 2/16/2018

B: Breakfast Pizza
L: Fish Sticks

THUNDERHAWKS

CALENDAR

MONDAY 2/12/2018

4pm Parent/Teacher Conferences

7:30pm BOE Meeting

TUESDAY 2/13/2018

School Pictures
WHS Basketball vs Decatur

WEDNESDAY 2/14/2018

FCCLA Star Event
12pm WKLL MS Scholars' Bowl

FRIDAY 2/16/2018

4pm WHS Basketball @ Logan

SATURDAY 2/17/2018

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the Lady Thunderhawks won 47-40. Angel Mong led in points with 17, Bernbeck (8), Vincent (8), Goetz (6), Schultz (4), Heier (2), and Holaday (2). Zoe Schultz and Jordyn Vincent led in rebounds with 6, Goetz (5), Bernbeck (3), Mong (3), Zimmerman (2), Holaday (2), and Heier (1). Jessi Bernbeck led in steals with (4), Goetz (3), Schultz (3), Mong (2), Zimmerman (1), and Vincent (1).

The final game for 5th place was against Weskan, the Lady Thunderhawks picked up 5th place with a score of 57-18. Morgan Zimmerman led the team in points with 12, Zoe Schultz (11), Lanae Goetz (10), Jessi Bernbeck and Angel Mong (7 each), Jordyn Vincent (5), Jessica Heir (3), and Nicole Holaday (2). Lanae Goetz led in steals with 4, Bernbeck (3), Schultz (3), Holaday (3), Mong (3), Zimmerman (1), and Schroeder (1).





Area Schools



Bulldogs Battle It Out in Rexford



Golden Plains junior Dylan Spresser goes up for two against Quinter in Rexford on January 23. The Bulldogs played a close game with Quinter holding the lead throughout most of the game but losing by two at the end. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs played a close game against the Quinter Bulldogs in Rexford on January 23. It was a tightly contested battle throughout with Quinter coming out on top 57-55 after four quarters of exciting basketball action.

Golden Plains started out strong with a 14-8 lead by the end of the first quarter. The continued to hold the lead throughout the second spreading to a 25-12 lead midway through. Quinter rallied to close the gap to 29-24 by the half.

Quinter persisted in the third and tied the game up at 35 midway through but baskets by Caleb Korte and Harley Weese extended the Golden Plains lead to 41-37 by the buzzer.

Nolan Ritter hit two quick

shots to start the fourth only to have Quinter match his buckets. Tied up again at 47, both teams kept up the pace and worked hard. Quinter hit another two baskets to lead to extend their lead. Jacob Ritter and Korte each added Bulldog baskets as the clock ticked down, but Quinter answered and held on for the two-point win 57-55.

Golden Plains had three boys in double figures with Korte leading with 19. Weese added 15 and Wade Rush put in 13. Nolan Ritter added 4 with 2 each from Jacob Ritter and Dylan Spresser.

"We played well as a team," said Nolan Ritter. "It was a fun game...just too bad we couldn't get the win." The Bulldogs will play again in Winona on Friday, January 26 as they travel to face the Triplains/Brewster Titans.

Scholars Place Third at League

By Charlotte McCurdy

On Wednesday, January 17, the Golden Plains High School Scholar's Bowl team placed third in the WKLL Tournament in Logan. There were a total of twelve teams competing all together in eleven rounds. "I was proud of us at both meets," said Devin Carter referring to both the Brewster meet the previous Monday and the WKLL meet, "and I'm anticipating good results for Regionals!"

The meet started off with GP vs. Wheatland-Grinnell with a win of 80-50. The second round was a close one with Golden Plains losing to Western Plains 50-60. That was only one of the two rounds lost by the team the entire day. The third round against Weskan was another close round resulting in a win 30-20. Fourth round was another win over Northern Valley 30-20. In round five, they won again against Logan 40-10.

After a short refreshment break, the teams prepared for the second half of the meet. The Bulldogs continued with a 50-10 win over Brewster and a second loss of the day to Cheylin 10-50. They finished the day with wins over Triplains 30-0 and Palco 60-0.

Round ten was the longest round of the meet for GP. It was a tie at the end of the regular sixteen questions, so a tie breaker question was required to end the round. In this situation, nine tie breaker questions were used until Angel Sanchez answered a Language Arts question correctly ending the round 20-10 win over Heartland Christian. They finished with a final win over Healy to place third in the league.

"To begin both meets, we had to shake some rust off," said Coach Steiner Scott, "but by the end of the day we were back to our old selves. I'm optimistic for Regionals." On Thursday, February 1st, Regional Scholar's Bowl will be held in Rexford to determine who moves on to state.

JV GIRLS WIN AT WINONA

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains JV girls won their fourth straight game with a 27-16 victory over Triplains/Brewster on January 26 in Winona.

Golden Plains came out strong and put in 10 points to the Titans 2 in the first quarter. They hit a slump in the second quarter only getting one free throw to fall as the Titans added 8 to give the Bulldogs a narrow 11-10 lead at the half.

The Bulldogs came into the third ready to correct the errors of the second quarter and put in 12 points holding the Titans to 2. The Titans outscored the Bulldogs again 6-4 in the fourth, but the Bulldogs held on for the 27-16 win.

Scoring for the Bulldogs was well distributed with Tylor Todd 7, Ashley Stoll 6, Brooke Stoll 4, Jennifer Esparza 4, Candace Taylor 2, Amanda Cheney 2, and Taryn Fleckenstein 2. Also contributing to the win were Emily Stoltz and Danica Ritter.

"We are coming together as a team," said Jennifer

Esparza. "We are working well together, and everyone is contributing." The JV girls are now 5-3 as they provide support for the varsity during the WKLL tournament. They return to the court on February 6 in Hill City.



Jennifer Esparza moves the ball during the Golden Plains JV girls fifth win of the season over Triplains/Brewster in Winona on January 26. The JV girls have won four straight games after starting their season in early January. (Photo by Miguel Monge)



The Golden Plains High School Scholar Bowl Team proudly displays the third-place medals they won at the WKLL meet in Logan in January. Team members winning 9 out of 11 rounds included: (front) Jennifer Esparza, Charlotte McCurdy, Joseph Yanez-Perez; (back) Devin Carter, Angel Sanchez, and Flint Hodge. (Photo courtesy GPHS)

JV BOYS PLAY DOUBLE OVERTIME

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains JV boys' basketball team played a double overtime game against Quinter on their home floor in Rexford on January losing by one point 57-58 in an exciting Bulldog matchup.

Quinter got the jump on GP in the first quarter, but the home town Bulldogs tied it up and took the lead 11-10 by the end of the first. Both teams worked hard in the second, but Golden Plains outscored Quinter by one to hold a 23-21 lead at the half.

They came out in the third ready to play hard and pumped in 17 points in the third while the defense held Quinter to 7. A buzzer shot by Jaime Infante gave the Golden Plains team a 40-28 lead going into the fourth.

The fourth quarter was a turnaround from the third as Golden Plains could only get 7 points to fall—all from Austin Patmon, while Quinter rallied for 19 to tie the game up at 47.

Infante made a free throw to start the overtime. He then added a basket for a three-point lead only to have Quinter tie it back up at 50 with three of their own free shots. With under two minutes on the clock, Quinter hit a three. Infante added another basket and free throw to tie it up at 53 and send the game into a second overtime.

The second overtime was just as exciting as the first

as Quinter scored with a free throw. Infante added a basket for the one-point lead but another Quinter free shot tied it back up at 55. Jeron Schute added a Golden Plains basket with under a minute to play for the two-point lead. Quinter went to the line with just seconds to play making first one free shot then two more.

With Quinter holding a one-point lead, Golden Plains got the ball with 3.5 seconds to play. Austin Patmon threw the ball to the basket from deep down the court. The ball hit the back of the rim but bounced off as Quinter won the game 58-57.

"It was exciting to play in double overtime," said Austin Patmon. "This game was a turning point for our team. It gave us more confidence in our game. We just didn't make quite enough shots for the win."

Jaime Infante put in 17 points for Golden Plains while Austin Patmon finished the game with 13. Miguel Monge added 10 and Josh Spresser scored 9. Kole Butts and Rojelio Loya each made a three while Jeron Schutte had 2. Colby Lathrop contributed on defense and rebounded well for the Bulldogs.

The JV Boys will play another full game on January 26 when they travel to Winona to play the Triplains/Brewster Titans.

Bulldogs Play in Winona

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldogs played in Winona on January 26 as they faced off against the Triplains/Brewster Titans. This was the first time these two teams had played each other this season.

The Titans took an early lead 14-5 in the first. The Bulldogs just couldn't get their baskets to fall as they fell behind 26-11 by the half.

With the Bulldogs still unable to get much to fall in the third, the Titans extended their lead to 38-18 by the end of the quarter. The Bulldogs came back in the fourth with three in a row from Harley Weese at the start. But the Titans held on for the 47-31 win.

Nolan Ritter and Harley Weese each put in 8 points for the Bulldogs. Austin Patmon added 4 with 3 each from Jacob Ritter, Wade Rush, and Jaime Infante. Caleb Korte finished the scoring with 2 points.

The Bulldogs had a busy week of games as they played again on Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, and Friday in the WKLL Tournament.



MS Scholars Compete in Brewster

By Charlotte McCurdy

On Monday, January 15, the Middle School Scholar's Bowl from Golden Plains team went to the Brewster Invitational Meet. Only the seventh and eighth grade teams participated in this meet. There were 10 teams competing in pool play including Colby, Heartland Christian, Rawlins County, Cheylin, Healy, Brewster, Golden Plains, Triplains, Greeley County, and Goodland.

The seventh grade had hard fought rounds against Goodland, Greeley County, Brewster, and Triplains. They ended up not winning any of their rounds by a few points per round.

The eighth grade won two rounds and lost two rounds. They won the first round against Goodland with a score of 80-60. In the second round they lost 20-70 to Greeley County, and in the third round they won 40-30 over Brewster. In the last round they lost to Triplains. Neither the eighth-grade team nor the seventh-grade team placed this meet despite their efforts.

"It was more challenging this meet, especially without Wyatt (McDonald) being there," said Alisha Brantley, eighth grade, "However, I thought we still did pretty well considering he was gone." The scholar's bowl teams will finish their season at the WKLL league meet in Triplains on February 14.

Counselor Corner

By Chris Lee

Nex-Tech is offering some great programs for seniors and other youth in the area. The Nex-Gen High School/ College Summer Internship program offers students an opportunity to gain real-world experience in the work place while earning a wage of at least \$10 an hour. Nex-Gen collect the applications and forwards them to businesses; coordinates the program through curriculum, mentorship, and support; and hosts a group orientation at the beginning of the program and a focus group/graduation day at the end.

Positions are being filled now, but applications may be submitted online through March 15 at www.nex-generation.org (look for blue banner mid-way down the page). You can also access this program through Facebook. Participating businesses are listed by county, and descriptions of positions are also available.

Butler Community College offers many scholarships in the fine arts, and you do not have to be a fine arts major for many of them. There are scholarships for visual art, vocal, keyboard instruments, instrumental music, box office management, and more. There are audition/ interview/portfolio days in February and March, some as early as Feb. 9/10. Go to www.butlercc.edu/facscholarships for more information right away.

The University of Kansas Air Force ROTC will host an Open House on March 31, from 9:00 to noon. Detachment 280, the Flying Jayhawks, comprises over 85 cadets from KU and

other area colleges. Call 785-864-4676 or email afrotc@ku.edu to find out more.

Wichita State will host Shocker Saturday programs on February 17, March 17 or 24, and April 14. It will also host Freshman and Sophomore Day on April 28. Find out more at Wichita.edu.

Students with ADHD can have trouble managing screen time (TV, computer, smart phone). Understood.org has an excellent article up right now about how to help your child make sure he/she is not abusing screen time. Check out the article "Helping Kids with ADHD Manage Screen Time."

Every senior in the 9-county area of northwest Kansas that is going on to school needs to apply for the Pete Henry Scholarship. This program is very generous to kids going on to school. Application is due February 28.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Feb. 5: Deadline for Break the Rules Scholarship (Nex-Tech)

Feb. 15: Final scholarship deadline at FHSU

February 23: JR/SR Day at K-State Polytechnic

February 28: Deadline for Pete Henry Scholarship

March 1: Applications due from juniors for Midwest Energy Youth Tour

March 9: Registration deadline for April 14 ACT test

March 15: Deadline to apply for Nex-Tech Summer Internship program

April 1: Registration deadline for Hispanic Institute at FHSU

May 4: Registration deadline for the June 9 ACT

June 15: Registration deadline for the July 14 ACT test.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of DONNA M. PRICKETT, Deceased

Case No. 2018-PR-3

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR REFUSAL TO GRANT LETTERS

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed on February 2, 2018 in said Court by Petitioners praying for an order refusing to grant Letters of Administration in this estate and further requesting that the Last Will and Testament of the decedent dated September 24, 2013 be adjudged the Last Will and Testament of the decedent and be admitted to record for the purpose of preserving the same in the event that probate proceedings are later required.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 2, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Hoxie, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon such petition.

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Commission Minutes
1/23/2018

Now on this 29th day of January 2018, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Vic Bielser presiding. Others present were Joe Bainter, Troy Dewey and County Clerk Heather Bracht.

Bielser called the meeting to order.

Permission was given to pay to Evan White one-half the cost of a new extension ladder for the used one he is selling to the county.

Resolution No. 18-65 was presented from the NW KS Regional Recycling Organization pertaining to remaining in the organization for the months of January and February. Dewey made a motion to approve and sign the Resolution, seconded by Bainter. Motion carried 3-0.

Another bid was presented for "panic" buttons for the courthouse. Bielser made a motion to purchase the Wave Plus security system from SecureTech Systems. Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Bainter made a motion the minutes of January 23, 2018 be approved as presented. Dewey seconded the motion.

Tony LaRue



Tony R. LaRue, age 60, of WaKeeney, passed away Saturday, January 27, 2018 at Hays Medical Center. He was born July 24, 1957 in Hoxie, Kansas, to Ray and Virginia (Currier) LaRue.

On May 25, 1979, Tony was united in marriage to Marlene Zeman. They enjoyed thirty-seven years of marriage together, until Marlene's passing on October 6, 2016. Tony worked in the oil field, as a truck driver, then went on to become an over the road driver, where he worked for Coomes Trucking for many years. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Tony is survived by his children, Dawn and husband Michael Geist, of WaKeeney, Tony Ray LaRue, Jr. and wife LaVonne, of Nortonville, Frank Giebler and wife Maggie, of Valley Falls, Chris Giebler and wife Stacey of

Topeka, and Tammie and husband Ron Williams of Hays; grandchildren, Harley, Brooklin, Sadie, Aivah, Spencer, Gabby, Gavin, Jayden, Christopher, Lauren, Tyler, Katie, Kale, Kyler, Kaitlyn, and Kierra; two great-grandchildren, Kyran and Khali; and a sister, Nancy of Tennessee. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and brother-in-law, Charles Wadell.

Memorial service was held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, February 5, 2018 at Schmitt Funeral Home, WaKeeney. There was no visitation as cremation was chosen.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Tony LaRue Memorial Fund. Donations to the fund may be sent to Schmitt Funeral Home, 336 North 12th, WaKeeney, KS 67672.

Condolences may be left for the family online at www.schmittfuneral.com.

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Senator Rick Billinger - Newsletter

February 3, 2018

On Wednesday January 31st, Dr. Jeff Colyer was sworn in as the 47th governor of Kansas replacing Sam Brownback. The inauguration of Colyer comes after Governor Brownback resigned from office to become the U.S. Ambassador to International Freedom in the Trump administration.

"I demand transparency and we embrace accountability," Colyer said in his speech. "I pledge to do the right thing even when nobody is looking, and we will set a tone and insist on an environment of openness, honesty and respect and without harassment, especially in this building."

The Senate passed SB 262 which will authorize the Capitol Preservation Committee to approve plans to place a permanent statue of Dwight D. Eisenhower on the northwest quadrant of the Kansas Capitol grounds. No public funds would be used to construct the statue and pedestal. The bill authorizes the Department of Administration to receive moneys from grants, gifts, contributions, or bequests to finance the construction of the statue and pedestal. The monument will be an exact replica of the statue created by Lawrence native, Jim Brothers, which currently resides in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

SB 263 was passed out of the Agricultural and Natural Resource Committee this week. This bill will allow the Department of Agriculture to create a program to research the use of industrial hemp. Several amendments were added. One amendment recommended Russell County to be used as a pilot in the industrial hemp program.

This week we had a hearing on a bill that will set up the frame work to form a committee to study and make recommendations for a new comprehensive ten-year transportation plan. At the present time we have 29 different individuals and/or organizations that have been recommended for this committee.

On Tuesday February 6th, SB 307, The Home-owned Amusement Ride & Agritourism Activity Bill will have a hearing. I will let everyone know how this bill progresses.

Heard in a committee this week was Real ID. Real ID is a federal law, passed by Congress in 2005 to ensure state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards meet minimum security standards. To get a Real ID before law goes into effect on October 1, 2020, you'll need to bring certain documentation into the local driver's license office. Anyone boarding an airplane or entering a federal facility, such as a military

base, using a state issued ID or driver's license on October 1, 2020 will be required to have a credential that is Real ID compliant. To apply for this ID, you will need a valid passport or birth certificate, Proof of social security such as a social security card, current W-2 or 1099, or current pay stub with full SSN, Proof of residency, which can be a utility bill, your vehicle registration, or your current driver's license. All documents should be un-laminated originals. If your name is not the same on all of your documents because of adoption, marriage, divorce, or any court ordered name change, you must provide proof of the name change such as your marriage license, adoption certificate, divorce decree. The fees remain the same for Real ID: \$26 if you're renewing and \$8 to replace. If your credential expires after the 2020 deadline and you want a Real ID, you can bring your documents in to the office, receive the Real ID, and only pay the \$8 replacement charge. You will have the option to choose between a Real ID or a non-Real ID card. For more details and a checklist that will help make sure you bring everything you need when you visit the driver's license station, visit ksrevenue.org/realid and you can find your local driver's license office at <https://www.ksrevenue.org/dovstations.html>.

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Valentine's Day Gifts of Love

What are *you* cooking up for Valentine's Day surprises? How about a poem of pretty words? Two lovebirds in a cage or a puppy...oh, all that's too much! But, you can use your imagination and things around the house to create fun and heart-warming gifts like cards and cupcakes. Take time to show someone that you care.

Read the clues to fill in the crossword:

- special snacks for everyone to share
- get-together to exchange valentines
- card shaped like a heart
- people you know and like
- feelings may come from this
- made of stiff paper, carries message

Chatter and I are *cooking up a storm* in the kitchen for Valentine's Day!

Can you find 40 hearts on this page?

O.K., O.K. I'll help package the cookies!

Friends are *beary* special.

Finish these puzzles to see fun surprises people like to send to family and friends on Valentine's Day!

The Icing On The Cake

Chatter has finished making the candy and cupcakes for the Valentine party. She just has to bake "the icing on the cake" for the dessert table, her special...

Color in this puzzle to see what she is baking:

R = Red P = Purple

Use the Secret Alphabet Decoder to fill in the blanks:

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UIF HJSM DBU PO WBMFOUJOF'T EBZ?

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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult ★★★ GO FIGURE!

Kids' Maze

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Super Crossword

WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM

ACROSS

1 Of the liver

8 "Hello" singer of 2015

13 The Cowboys, on scoreboards

16 "That feels ni-i-ice!"

19 Variety of coffee

20 Of the kidneys

21 Book like Titus or Jude

23 * Futile endeavor

25 Restricting factor

26 "What — state of affairs"

27 Go away

28 * Non-earthings

30 Cowboys or Raiders

32 Money matters

34 * Freight vessels

40 * Saw beyond

45 Sirens, say

46 Rearrange

48 Safe, asea

49 Arm parts

50 Imam's God

52 Twisted fiber used in textiles

56 Tony-winning

57 Bitter beer

58 * Feral horses of the West

61 Bending body part

62 Diner cousin

64 Samovars, e.g.

65 Unwelcome grade

66 Sci-fi captain Jean- —

68 Their names are divided in the answers to the starred clues

70 Muscles to crunch

72 Absorb

75 Ring arbiter

77 Hood's blade

79 Not sickly

83 * People trying to get mates

86 Suffix with 121-Down

87 Distinctive periods

88 Heating device

89 Piñata topper?

91 Slips on sleet

92 Seed casing

93 Crumpe alternative

95 "Remington —"

96 * It often adjoins a big bedroom

101 * Folk hero of Vermont

104 — riche

106 British prep school

107 * Result of income inequality

111 Prefix with surgeon

114 Genesis

124 Bar garnish

125 French explorer who named Louisiana

126 "Goodness!"

127 St. crosses

128 Niamey site

129 Scoundrel

6 Drink cooler

7 Algiers area

8 Western gas brand

9 Unheeding

10 "Tuff —" (1986 hit)

11 Vegas intro?

12 Powell of film

13 Break the connection of

14 For each

15 Described

16 "— girl!"

17 Baldwin of Hollywood

18 "Take It"

22 Knight's title

24 Huge hauler

29 Vietnamese neighbor

30 Little kids

31 Double curve

33 Spot in la mer

34 Waterproof sealant

35 Dog-tired

36 Zellweger or O'Connor

37 Fishtank bed

38 Comrade

39 Picnic side

41 — visit (call)

42 "... from — down under" (1981 hit song lyric)

43 Coat fabric

44 Not relaxed

47 Until then

50 "Carte" start

51 Body part cut by van Gogh

52 Compacted, informally

53 Big water filter brand

54 Seabees' mil. branch

55 Fed. crash probe

57 Agree to

59 Zodiac lion

60 Yogi Bear voice

63 "Climb — Mountain"

67 Stellar bear

69 Espy

71 Israeli coin

72 "Beat it!"

73 Butler's Scarlett

74 Toenail treatments, for short

76 Waitress at Mel's Diner

78 State of fury

80 Disney mermaid name

81 Gravy spoon

82 German steel city

84 River deposit

85 Trig function

90 Tennis call

91 Kenton of jazz

93 Squelches

94 Dance move, when tripled

95 — Balls (snack brand)

97 Infatuate

98 Tennis' — Garros

99 Stadium

100 Elk sounds

100 Gardner of old movies

102 Spice's kin

103 Coral rings

105 Strip of gear,

107 Did vocals

108 English horn relative

109 Cell: Suffix

110 "This — recording"

112 Gutter site

113 On-demand taxi service

114 Vivacity

115 Mope

116 Adept

117 PC sort?

120 Roman

121 Have dinner

122 "Cyber" CBS series

SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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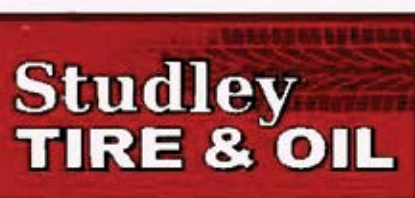
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